

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420125511

Address: 14 West Franklin Street
Current Name: Wilson's Antiques

Block: 551 Lot: 2 Lot size: 15 ft. x 145 ft.
Height: 4 Materials: Brick, wood, stone
Condition: Good Owner: Edw. C. Wilson et al
Use: Commercial/Residential Accessible: yes, restricted
Designation: Liber/Folio: RHB 3614/486



Historic Name:
Date: ca. 1870
Architect/Builder:
Style (if appropriate):

Description: The easternmost of a pair of identical townhouses, this house's facade is a duplicate of 16 West Franklin Street. The first floor is on a marble-facade basement and marble steps lead to the entrance, an arch with marble surround, complemented by an arched window. The present opening has a single plate glass and a half-dome awning. The door arch has a leaded fanlight and an iron gate which is probably not original to the house. The common bond exterior is more visible on the second and third stories. The second floor has a three-sided oriel window with cable moldings flanking narrow 1/1 segmentally arched windows. Floral moldings outline the top and lower edges of the bay. Iron balustrades are attached to the lower part of the windows. The third floor has 4/4 windows and flat arches. The fourth story is a scalloped slate mansard with a large dormer. Paired 2/2 windows have a segmental arch below a shallow full pediment. The cornice below the mansard has dentils alternating with leaf brackets.

Significance:

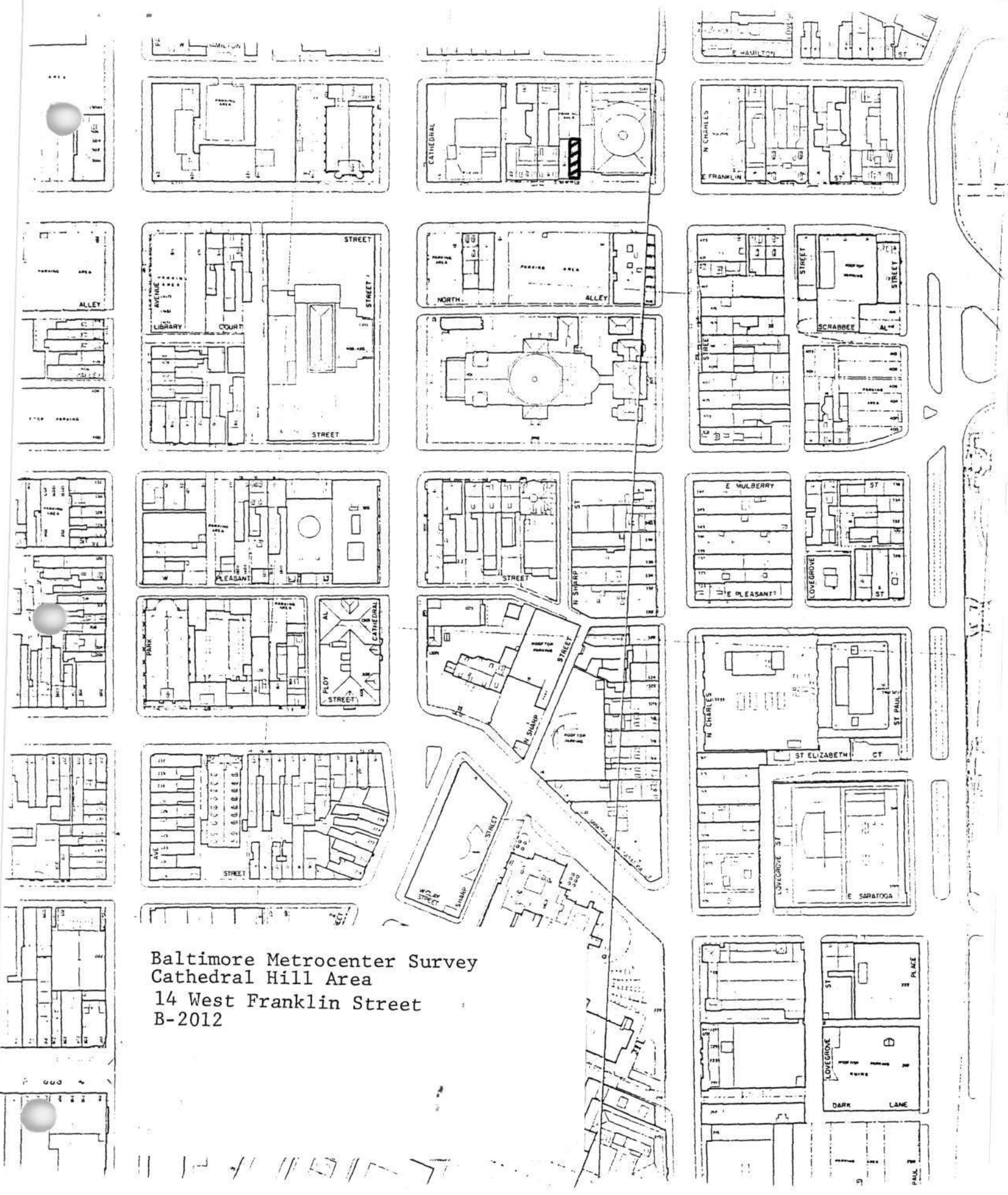
Area: architecture

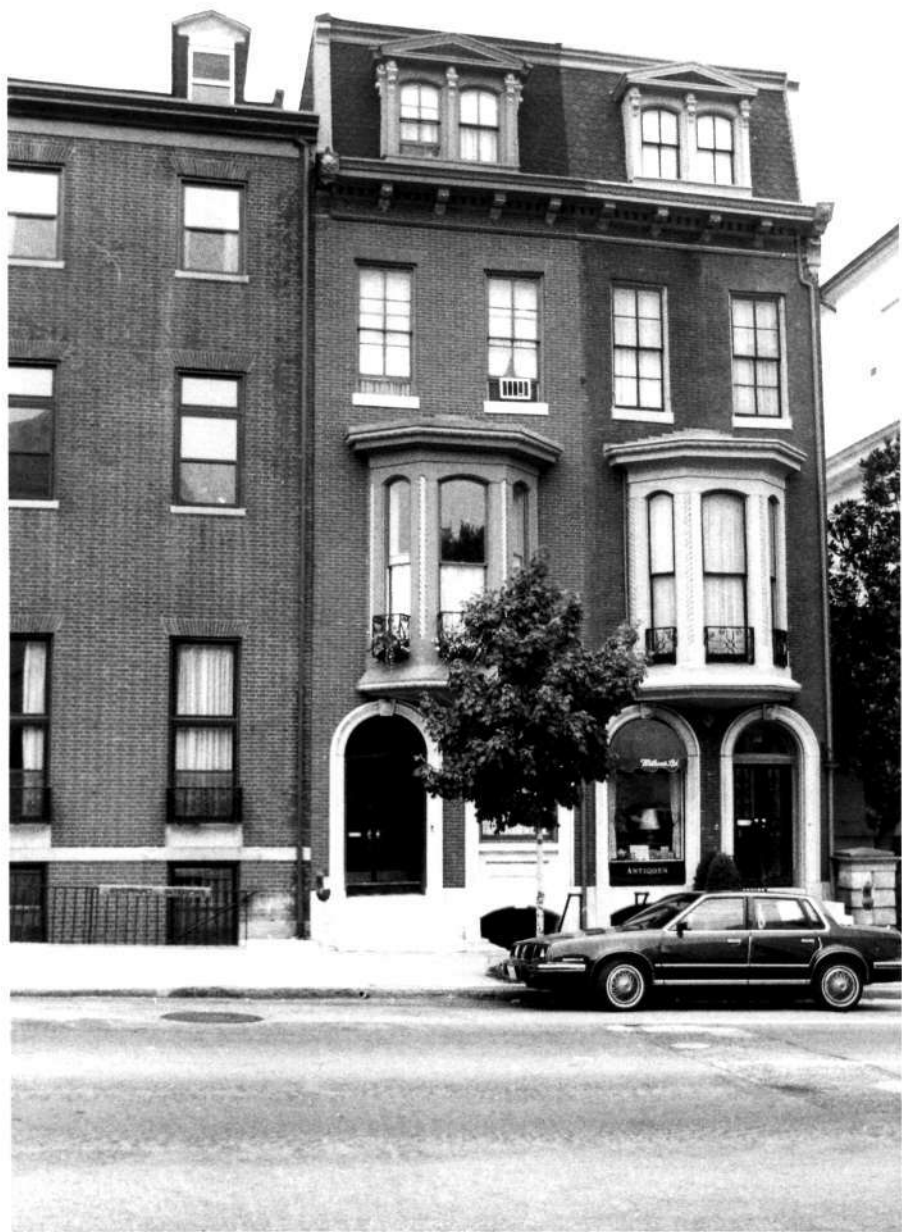
Level: local

The pair of houses at 14 and 16 West Franklin are good representatives of the eclectic style of the last quarter of the 19th century. Based on the rowhouse form, the details are collected from many historical precedents. For example, the stone arches on the first story recall the Greek Revival door surrounds of the 1830's, while the oriel bay suggests Gothic Revival origins. The mansard is based on French Second Empire examples, but is much simplified in these houses. Beginning about 1920, the house at No. 14 went into commercial use and was tenanted for several years by a law book store and a corset shop, among other businesses.

Sources: City directories**Surveyor and Date:** Janet Davis, May 1985

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
14 West Franklin Street
B-2012





14 West Franklin Street 3-2012
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
South elevation

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

B-2012

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

14 W. Franklin Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14 W. Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL —PARK
☒ EDUCATIONAL —PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY —OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Board of Trustees of the First Unitarian Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #: JFC 1120-
Folio #: 381

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1975

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located at the end of the row. It is the mirror image of 16 West Franklin Street. There are five front steps instead of three and the window on the first floor has been altered. This window is one large sheet of glass with a half round panel above it.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

13'6"x 145'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha Rozansky Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

26 S. Calvert Street

TELEPHONE

396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Dim. Lot 7 Changed Per P.S. C.S.H. 4004A
Lot 14/15 PER APP C.S.H. 8131
Lot 7 Ho. No. CHANGE PER FIELD C.S.H. 9568-A

WASHINGTON
PLACE

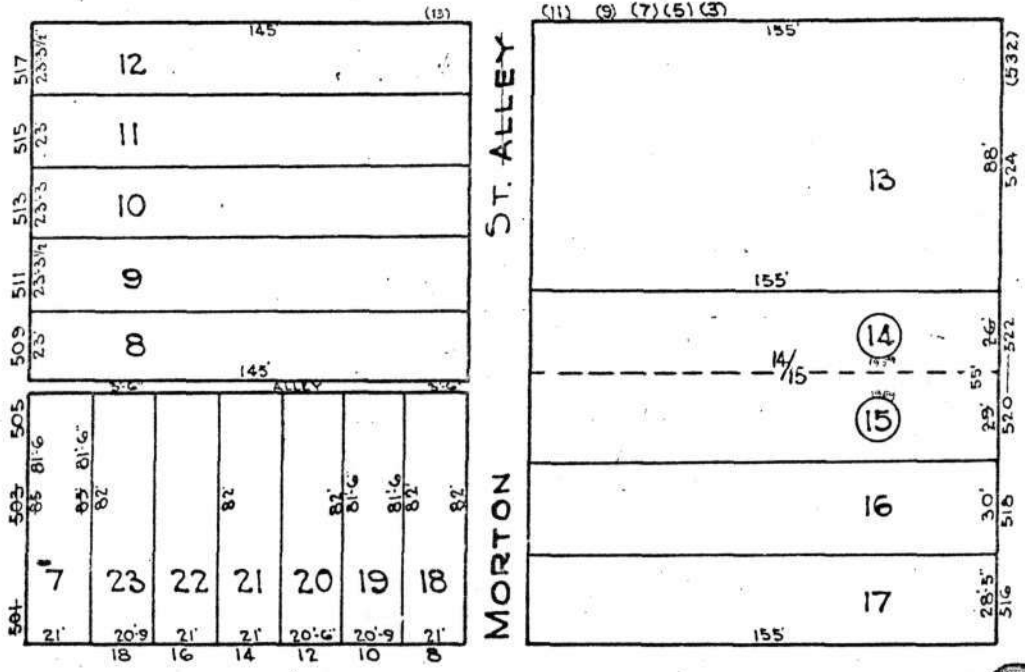
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ST.

ST.

ST. ALLEY

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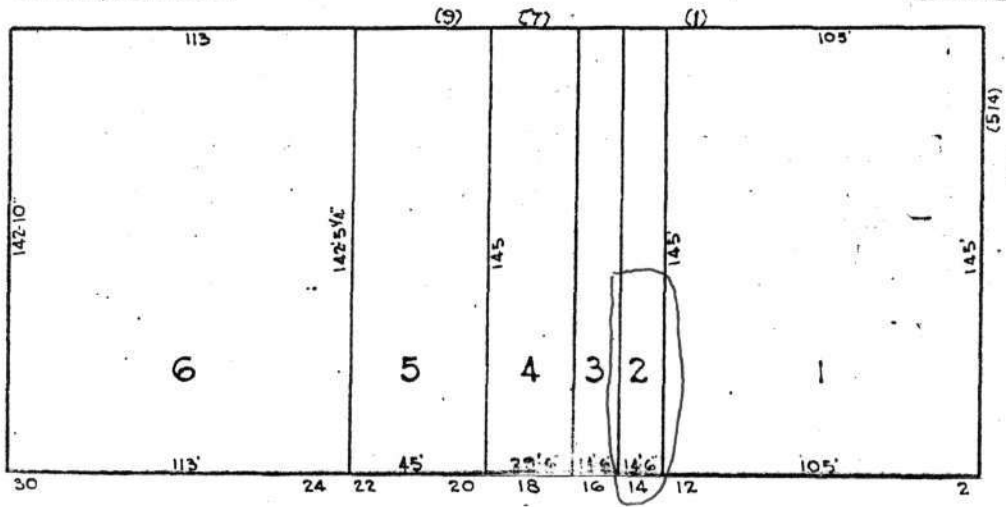


W. HAMILTON

ST.

CATHEDRAL

N. CHARLES



W. FRANKLIN

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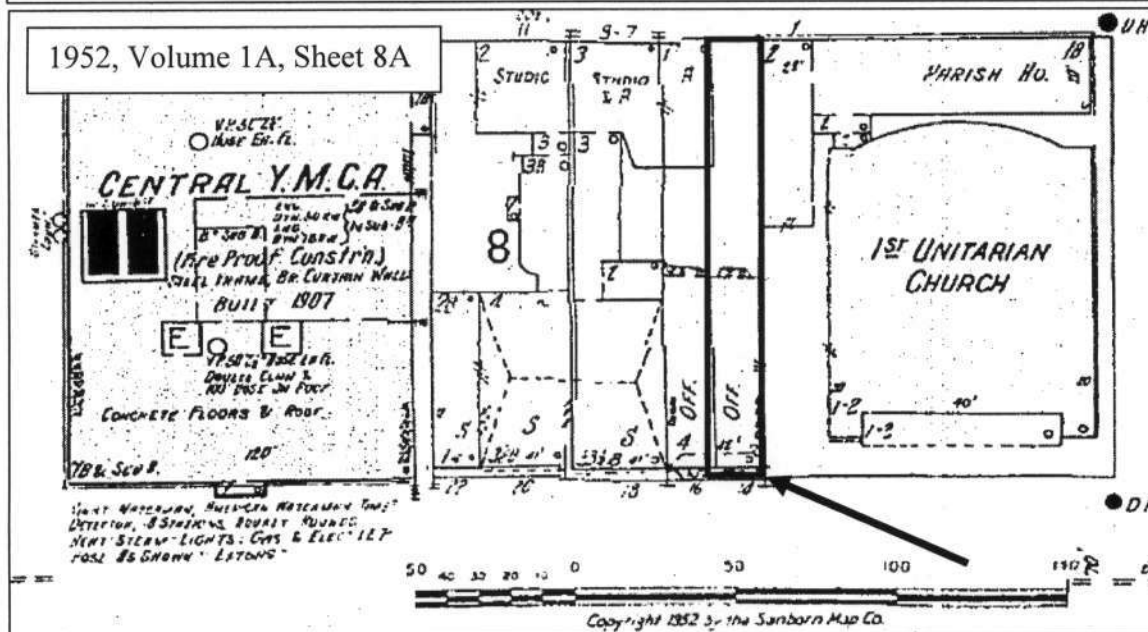
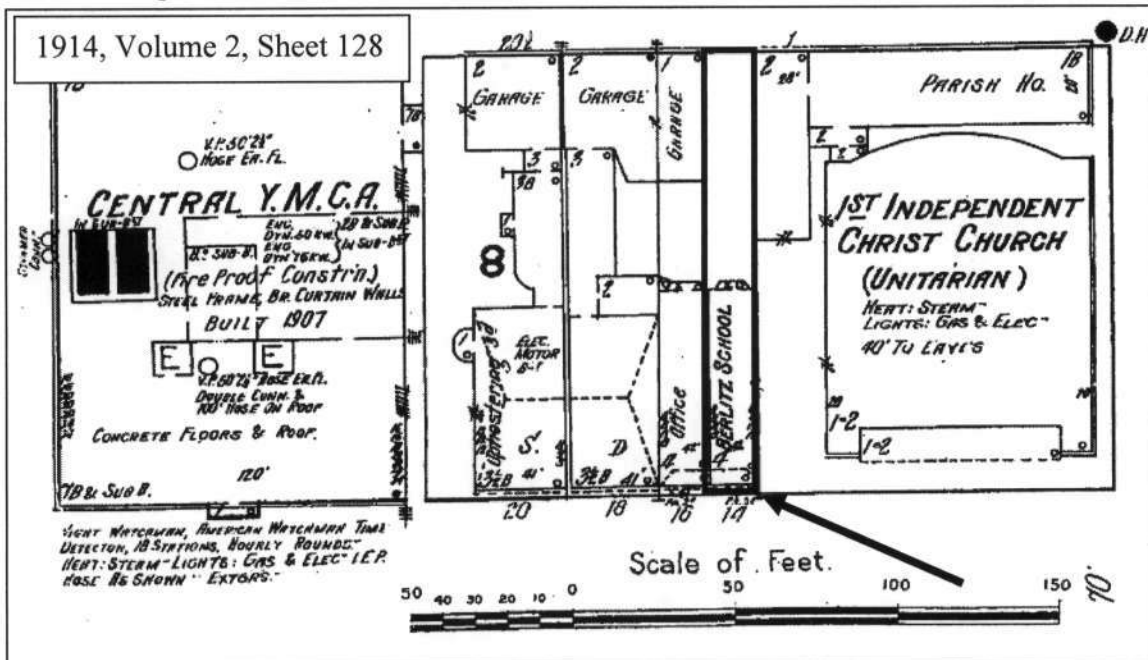
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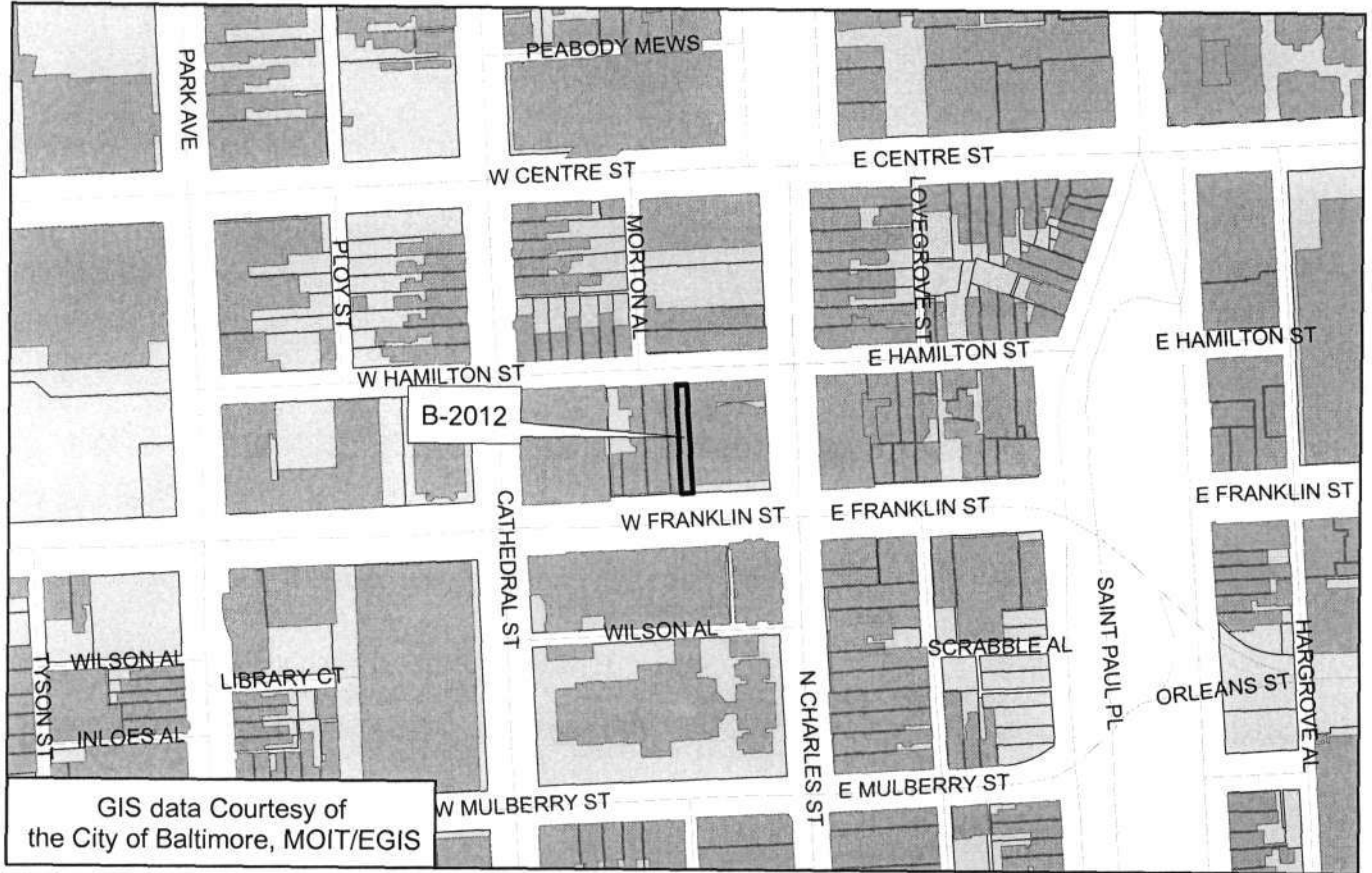
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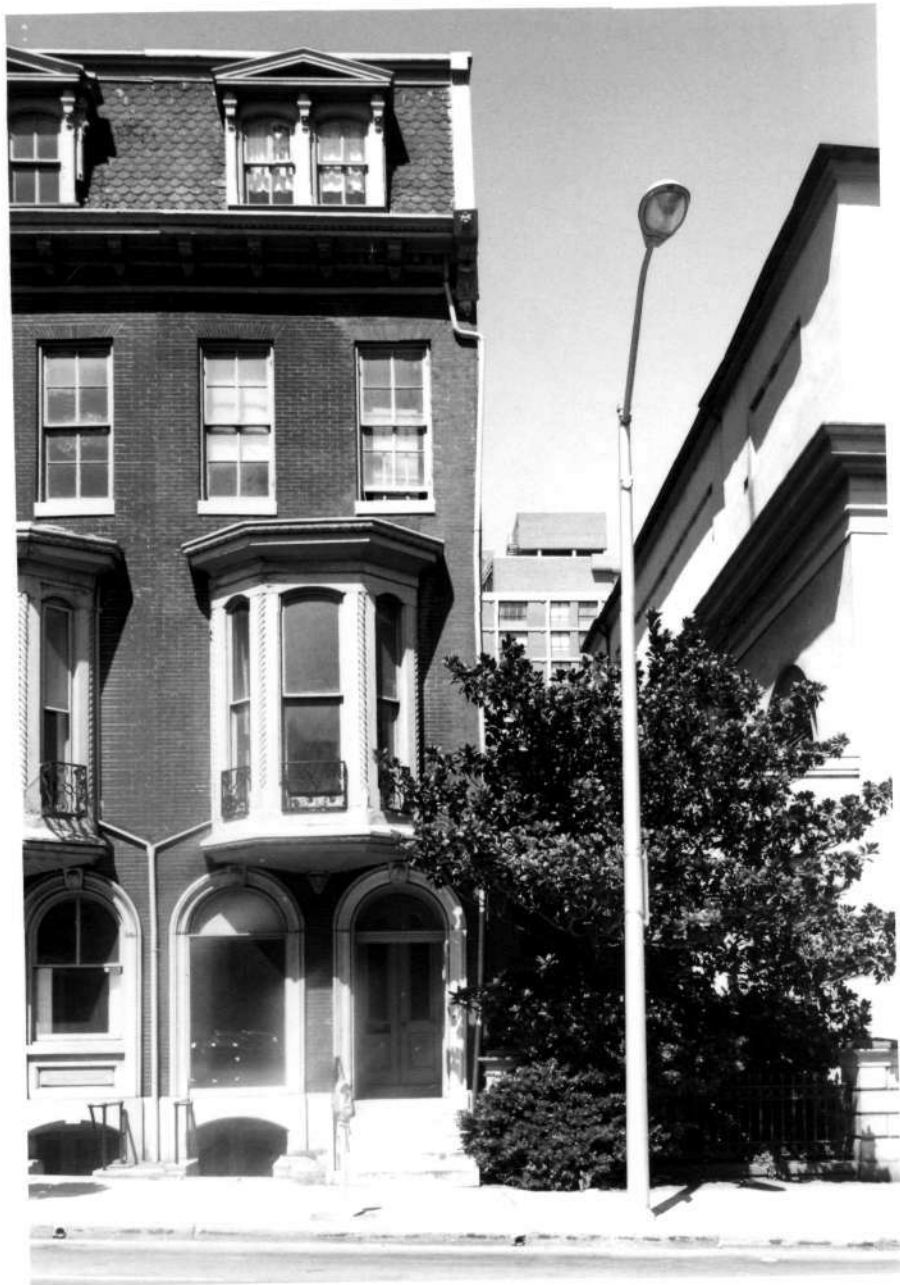
CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION
WARD **II** SECTION **10**
BLOCK **551**
SCALE 1 INCH = 40 FT. DATE August 25-47

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 Wilson's Antiques (Berlitz School)
 14 W. Franklin Street, Baltimore
 Sanborn Maps



B-2012
Wilson's Antiques (Berlitz School)
14 W. Franklin Street
Block 0551 Lot 002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad





14 W. Franklin

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